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TAGS: CGEN (GISELLE TORRES HALPHEN)

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT AT U.S. CUSTOMS MIAMI.

1. BUREAU OF CUSTOMS CONTACTED MIAMI DISTRICT CONCERNING SUBJECT CASE. CUSTOMS REPORT INDICATES THAT MRS. TORRES FAILED TO DECLARE 39 PIECES OF GOLD JEWELRY VALUED AT FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. CUSTOMS CONFISCATED THE ITEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD PROCEDURES. WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF RECEIVING FORMAL NOTICE OF THE SEIZURE, MRS. TORRES MAY PETITION THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR IN MIAMI TO MITIGATE THE PENALTY. (PENALTY IN SUCH CASES IS PAYMENT OF A FINE EQUAL TO THE VALUE OF THE UNDECLARED GOODS.) REASONS WHICH MRS. TORRES MIGHT CITE FOR FAILING TO DECLARE THESE ITEMS WOULD INCLUDE FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND THE CUSTOMS INSPECTOR, THE FACT THAT SHE HAD PREVIOUSLY ENTERED THE ITEMS INTO THE UNITED STATES OR THAT THEY ORIGINATED IN THE U.S.

2. IF HER PETITION IS DENIED, SHE MAY APPEAL HER CASE TO THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS. ROBINSON

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